(b) if so, when would the order be issued for implementation; and

(c) by when the pension at the rate of atleast half of the revised scale be paid to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE): (SH. KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHA-NAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The recommendation of the Vth Pay Commission to the effect that the pension of those Central Government employees who have retired prior to 1.1.1996 should be brought to the level of 50% of the minimum of the revised pay of the post held by the pensioner at the time of his retirement has been accepted. Necessary orders on the subject arc under issue in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

Mobile Phoncs/Pagcrs in Central Government Offices

598. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Central Government employees carry with them, Mobile phone' and 'Pager' in the Central Government offices;

(b) if so, whether such a permission has been granted by Government;

(c) if not, whether instructions in this regard have been issued to all the Ministries/Departments; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in those cases where Central Government employees arc found carrying Mobile Phone or Pager with them in Central Government Offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SH. KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHA-NAN): (a) to (d) According to the existing instructions, there is a ban on the purchase of cellular phones/pagers for official use in the Government. However, based on functional necessity and considerations, exceptions have been made in the case of a few Ministers and PS to Finance Minister.

There is no specific order to restrict mobile phone and pager in the Government offices except Vigyan Bhavan and Vigyan Bhavan Annexe where these arc not allowed as a general practice.

निर्धारित लक्ष्य के अनुरूप खाद्यान्न उत्पादन को प्राप्त करने के लिए योजनाएं

599. **श्री कपिल सिब्बल** :
श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में 210 मिलियन टन खाद्यान्न उत्पादन का लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने के संबंध में तीन योजनाएं अनुमति के लिए योजना आयोग के पास लम्बित पड़ी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये योजनाएं क्या हैं और प्रत्येक योजना की विस्तृत रूपरेखा क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या आयोग द्वारा इन योजनाओं को अनुमति देने के संबंध में अब तक कोई निर्णय लिया गया है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है, और भविष्य में इन योजनाओं के संबंध में कोई निर्णय कब तक लिए जाने की सम्भावना है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री, ससंदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा योजना और कार्यक्रम क्रियान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक) : (क) से (घ) संभवतः यह सन्दर्भ नीचे लिखे कार्यक्रमों के बारे में हैं:-

1. चावल आधारित प्रणाली क्षेत्रों में एकीकृत अनाज विकास कार्यक्रम (आई.सी.डी.पी. चावल).
2. गेहूं आधारित फसल प्रणाली क्षेत्रों में एकीकृत अनाज विकास कार्यक्रम (आई.सी.डी.पी. गेहूं)
3. मोटे अनाजों पर आधारित फसल प्रणाली क्षेत्रों में

एकीकृत अनाज विकास कार्यक्रम (आई.सी.डी.पी. मोटे अनाज)

ये लगातार चल रहे कार्यक्रम, खाद्यान्न उत्पादन के लक्ष्य की प्राप्ति के लिए हैं जो योजना आयोग द्वारा चालू वर्ष के लिए 210 मिलियन टन निर्धारित किया गया है। योजना आयोग में ऐसा कुछ भी लम्बित नहीं है जो इन कार्यक्रमों के कार्यान्वयन अथवा लक्ष्य प्राप्ति में जोड़े आए।

Finalisation of Ninth Plan

600. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHRANJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ninth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Draft Ninth Five Year, 1997-2002, approved at internal meetings of the Planning Commission was released on March 1, 1998 by the then Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The Government has decided to review this Draft so as to suitably reflect the altered priorities, as enunciated in the National Agenda for Governance. Detailed action plans on the above guidelines have been pr"pared and suitably incorporated to the existing Draft. The new Draft Ninth Five Year Rlan has been discussed at the meetings of the internal Planning Commission and Full,Planning Commission. This revised document is to be submitted through due process for consideration and approval of National Development-Council.

Estahlishmcn' of a Titanium Complex in

601. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for the establishment of a Titanium complex in Kerala with the joint participation of public sector undertakings under State Government and the Central Government in order to have a long term perspective and planned growth of the Titanium industry in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) A proposal was received from the Government of Kerala in May 1997,, for setting up a Mineral Separation Plant-(MSP), a captive power generation plant' and for enhancing the capacity of the existing Titanium Dioxide Plant of Kerala Minerals and Metals Limited, a public-sector undertaking of the Government of Kerala, and requesting for Central investments through M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy. A similar proposal for the establishment of a Titanium complex at Chavara, Kerala, was also received in June 1998. The proposals were considered and could not be accepted as these involved very large investments and IREL faced a financial crunch. The limited resources available during the Ninth Five Year Plan for the purpose arc also not adequate to undertake such an exercise. The Government of India has recently notified a pollicy on beach sand minerals with a view to encourage further exploitation of beach sand minerals, including value addition, through a judicious mix of public and private sector participation including induction of uptodatc technology and foreign investment.